

AMENDMENT
Serial No. 09/759,773

REMARKS

Claim 21 has been finally rejected as being allegedly anticipated by Kacheria which discloses the use of coarse sand to blast a diffusing surface in a lighting apparatus. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Kacheria's reference to the use of coarse sand does not include selecting particles of a particular diameter range, nor does it include selecting particles of a particular shape, namely, from the group consisting of hexagonal, rhombohedral and spherical as recited in claim 21. A reference which omits explicitly recited claim elements cannot be the basis for a rejection under 35 USC 102(a). The fact that the Office Action makes no reference to particle shape shows that the Examiner implicitly admits that this feature is not recited in the reference. Therefore, the rejection under 35 USC 102(a) is clearly not proper and should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, an allowance of claim 21 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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